



Press release

RWE confirms participation in ScotWind

- **Renewables leader commits to delivering new jobs and investment**
- **Auction success will strengthen 25 year partnership with Scottish renewables industry**
- **Anticipated investment from successful bids will re-energise the supply chain.**

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Tom Glover, RWE UK Country Chair:

“The ScotWind process is a critical step for Scottish Government delivering its ambitious target of 11 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030. As a long standing partner and investor in the Scottish renewables industry, RWE is pleased to be able to support this through our participation. Our company is a highly experienced, innovative and globally-recognised player in the offshore wind sector, and anticipates that success in ScotWind would unlock significant opportunities to re-energise the local supply chain, while helping create important, high quality, long term employment. We look forward to continuing as a trusted partner to Scotland in the delivery of its offshore ambitions.”

RWE has confirmed its participation in the ScotWind seabed leasing round process, as it looks to expand its global offshore wind portfolio. ScotWind is a seabed leasing round, managed by Crown Estate Scotland, which aims to enable up to 10 gigawatts (GW) of new offshore wind farms to be constructed in the country’s coastal waters.

RWE is one of the largest and most experienced offshore wind leaders, with an enviable track record of successfully developing, building and operating offshore wind projects globally, including Scotland. Here, RWE already has over 480 megawatts (MW) of installed renewable energy capacity across onshore wind, offshore wind and hydro sites, with a current development pipeline of more than 350 MW.

To date, the company, which directly employs around 100 people in Scotland, has invested over £180 million into local businesses and is on track to contribute more than £15 million to communities, through the operation of its current projects.

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RWE has played a significant role in shaping the UK offshore wind industry having built the country's first offshore wind farm (Blyth demonstrator, 2002); and the first commercial scale offshore wind farm (North Hoyle 2004). In Scotland, RWE has been a pioneer of wind power, constructing its first onshore wind farm, Novar, in the Highlands in 1995, and going on to construct and operate the country's first offshore wind farm, Robin Rigg, in the Solway Firth, which has been operational since 2010.

Through earlier UK offshore wind developments, RWE has enabled new port infrastructure to be built, supported job creation and been a key player in local supply chain growth, as well supporting coastal communities by maximising the benefits of the company's investments locally. If successful, RWE will continue this activity in Scotland.

As part of its natural evolution, RWE is rapidly developing its Floating Wind capabilities. With partners, it is undertaking pioneering work through [three floating demonstration projects](#), in the US, Spain and Norway, which will ensure the business is very well placed to deliver new projects in deeper waters off the Scottish coast, secured as part of the leasing round.

RWE is considered a leading offshore wind partner, involved in the deployment of around 2.4 GW (pro rata) of operational offshore wind capacity, and is developing some of the world's most advanced offshore wind farms, in support of government net zero ambitions. In the UK, the company is constructing the 1.4 GW Sofia and 857 MW Triton Knoll offshore wind farms. RWE is also progressing four extension projects in the UK, with a combined potential installed capacity of around 2.6 GW (RWE's pro rata share: 1.3 GW.)

Furthermore, the company successfully bid for two new adjacent offshore sites on Dogger Bank, with a potential total installed capacity of 3 GW, in The Crown Estate's Offshore Wind Round 4 Leasing auction. Globally, RWE is driving an offshore wind pipeline of almost 10 GW (pro rata) with secured development rights as part of its total pipeline of more than 30 GW.

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RWE Renewables

RWE Renewables is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies. With around 3,500 employees, the company has onshore and offshore wind farms, photovoltaic plants and battery storage facilities with a combined capacity of approximately 9 gigawatts. RWE Renewables is driving the expansion of renewable energy in more than 20 countries on five continents. From 2020 to 2022, RWE Renewables targets to invest €5 billion net in renewable energy and to grow its renewables portfolio to 13 gigawatts of net capacity. Beyond this, the company plans to further grow in wind and solar power. The focus is on the Americas, the core markets in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

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